

SOUTHWEST BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTER AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**July 10, 2024
Cedar City, Utah**

PRESENT:

Commissioner Jerry Taylor
Commissioner Paul Cozzens
Commissioner Wade Hollingshead
Commissioner Celeste Meyeres
Commissioner Gil Almquist

STAFF MEMBERS:

Mike Deal, Executive Director
Ruth Miller, Executive Assistant
Michael Sherratt, Clinical Director

CALL TO ORDER/ INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Cozzens, Chairperson of the Authority Board, who welcomed all those in attendance.

APPROVAL OF JUNE MINUTES

Commissioner Cozzens asked for a motion to approve the June 2024 Authority Board minutes. Commissioner Meyeres moved to adopt the minutes and Commissioner Almquist seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF BI-MONTHLY OPERATIONS REPORT

Mike Deal noted that the Bi-Monthly Operations Report had been sent out previously and reviewed Personnel Changes, Major Expenditures, Risk Management, Directors Travel and Public Use of Center Facilities for the time period May – June 2024. In reviewing the major expenditures nothing stood out as out of the ordinary and Mr. Deal asked if there were any questions regarding that report. Mr. Deal noted the Risk Management report was not included in our B-Monthly Operation Reports as our Risk Manager was out with a knee replacement. Following discussion on various questions, Mr. Deal asked if there was anything further. There was not. Commissioner Almquist moved to approve the Bi-Monthly Operations report and Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous for approval.

APPROVAL OF BI-MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Deal distributed the Monthly Financial Status Report as of 6/30/2024 showing total Revenues at 106.15% and Expenses 99.76% at 100% into the year. He reviewed the areas where there were special notes and added that the Receiving Center is now fully staffed. Commissioner Taylor moved to approve the Bi-Monthly Financial Status Report and Commissioner Hollingshead seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous for approval.

NATIONAL COUNCIL REVIEW

Mike Deal mentioned although it had been a couple of months since the National Council Conference, he wanted to discuss a few of the items presented. Commissioner Almquist mentioned meeting with Chuck Ingoglia, President of the National Council, and talked about the conspicuous absence of ecclesiastical support in any sessions and has drafted a follow-up letter he would like to get to him. Mr. Deal showed a presentation from Heather McGowan, who was one of the keynote speakers, regarding The Future of Work. AI and Behavioral Health was another big part of the conference along with Suicide Prevention, Staff Retention, Integration of Services, Homelessness, Crisis continuum and 988, and CCBHC (Certified Community Behavioral Health Centers) and their funding were all part of the conference. Mr. Sherratt added that from the National Council Conference one of the keynote presenters stating that staff only have to love 20% of their job for it to be satisfying. Next year the conference will be held in Philadelphia May 5-7, 2025.

CLINICAL PRESENTATION

Mike Deal turned the time over to Michael Sherratt to talk about the presentations he attended at the National Council Conference regarding AI. Mr. Sherratt stated that it is not anticipated that AI will take the place of a therapist in the future due to giving feedback but AI will be a big part of our future. Mr. Sherratt has created a committee that is looking at the future with AI and the Center. Sessions may be recorded and will be viewed before therapists become certified. An issue that has been addressed is that recordings will not be retained as they are not part of the clinical record. We will move forward with an AI system that will work with our current Electronic Health Record (EHR). We are lining up a meeting right now to look at options for a contract.

JUSTICE SUMMIT REVIEW

Mike Deal reported that the 2024 UAC Justice Summit was held the 26-27 of June in the UAC offices in Salt Lake and noted that there were several in attendance from our five counties. This one focused more on Courts, Pre-Trial Services, Drug Courts and Specialty Courts. UAC has a lobbyist, Steven Hunter, who presented on UAC's plan for the future. They also talked about non-emergency secured behavioral health transportation and the transportation matrix and whose responsibility it is. This is a burden on the sheriff's department and the UAC committee is looking at what we can do to help take some of the burden off of them. There is no funding at the moment and is an ongoing issue.

HOUSE BILL 501 (2024)

Mike Deal showed a power point presentation of 2024 HB501 and what it means for the Counties. This new bill requires DHHS to apply for a Medicaid waiver to extend qualified inmate coverage from 30 to 90 days immediately before release. Benefits include: reentry case services, physical and behavioral health clinical services, medications and medication administration, medication assisted treatment, including all USDA-approved medications and coverage for counseling and other services as determined by rule. This bill applies to Qualified inmates: incarcerated individuals in a correctional facility and those who would qualify for Medicaid if not for incarceration. The monies for this bill should be available the first of the calendar year 2025 and will be a great benefit to the jails. The Center will reach out to the Sheriffs in the five counties.

PROPERTY REVIEW

Mike Deal mentioned the Garfield County property in Panguitch where the Behavioral Health and Public Health share a building. He noted a few years back the County contacted us to see if we were interested in purchasing the building on the property next to our building. We purchased the building and now the County would like to buy it back. Commissioner Taylor noted that Comm Almquist had made a motion in the public health meeting to sell the building back to the County for \$100,000. The property lines will need to be set. Mike, Comm Taylor and Dr Blodgett will meet. Mr. Deal also reminded Commissioner Almquist that the Center was interested in the property east of the Receiving Center. Mr. Deal will prepare a proposal for Washington County.

DIRECTORS REPORT

Mr. Deal mentioned to Commissioner Meyeres that Logan Reid will be meeting with Kane County Commissioners soon and Commissioner Meyeres thanked Mr. Sherratt and Joe Coombs for coming to Kanab and giving them a tour of the Kanab office and a lot of information about services.

Commissioner Almquist asked about any updates on last year's security incident. Mr. Deal noted that he'd recently had a follow up meeting to review and respond to questions sent by the Office of Civil Rights.

Mr. Deal reported that the Center had a Legislative audit to look at behavioral healthcare workforce. Had a meeting with 3 legislative auditors and the meeting went well.

Mr. Sherratt noted there was a therapist position opening in Cedar City and had a lot of applicants and will be holding 8 interviews.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Taylor moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Hollingshead seconded the motion. The voting was unanimously in favor of adjournment.

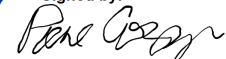
SEPTEMBER'S BOARD MEETING

September's Board meeting will be held in Iron County on Wednesday, September 11th at 10:00 am at the Festival Hall located at 96 N Main St. Suite 100 Room #6 in Cedar City.

JULY MINUTES APPROVAL

The July 10th, 2024 Board Meeting minutes were unanimously approved at the September 11th, 2024 Board Meeting.

Signed by:



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Southwest Behavioral Health Center Authority Board Chairperson